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Privatisation of Vizag Steel Plant

*703. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN:
SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Union Government to privatise the Vizag Steel Plant;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is falling behind the target of annual steel production due to lacks of funds;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Union Government have formulated any plan for raising funds through various sources to increase its production capacity; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a). No, Sir.

(b). Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Most of the units of Stage-I of the Project were commissioned, sequentially, during 1990-91 and these are still in the process of stabilisation. This was the main reason for a slight shortfall in achieving the annual production target in 1990-91. The position is expected to improve in 1991-92.

(e) and (f). Various means of raising resources to complete the project are under consideration of the Government, which include, budgetary support, extra budgetary resources and also funds from the capital market.

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Recommendation of the Sub-Committee of the Committee of Parliament on official language

*704. SHRI MOTI LAL SINGH:
SHRI KAMLA MISHRA MADHUKAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken to implement the recommendations made by the Sub-Committee of the Committee of Parliament on Official Language after conducting inspection of various Departments;

(b) the reasons for not implementing the recommendations made by the first such Sub-Committee after conducting inspection of the then Irrigation and Power Ministry and Water Commission; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) to (c). Section 4 of the Official Languages Act, 1963 provides for the review of the progress made in the use of Hindi for the official purposes of the Union by a Committee on Official Language consisting of thirty Members of Parliament. The procedure followed by the Committee for discharging its functions comprises (i) inspection of Ministries/ Departments and their attached/ subordinate offices, public sector undertakings etc. of the Central Government; (ii) circulating a questionnaire for obtaining information/views/suggestions from offices in (i) above; and (iii) obtaining the opinion of eminent persons working in different fields through oral evidence. The Committee has constituted three sub-committees from amongst its members for undertaking inspections. The Parliamentary Committee submits its Re-